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This Month's Theme: Energy and Transformation

March 5, 10:00 am

Letting Go and Moving Forward

Service Leaders: UUCP Youth

As we move into this new year and closer to Spring there are many things that are weighing us down that we need to let go, so that we can move forward. Join us for the annual youth service as the youth group leads us through a service of letting go and then moving forward.

March 12, 10:00 am

Beginning in Spirit Play: Creating Our Circle of Community

Worship Leaders: Nancy Nelson and Ginger Allen

Reflecting on the spiritual lessons experienced by our youngest religious exploration class discover connections between their journey and yours.

March 19, 10:00 am

Feeling Tones: Anger

Service Leader: Rev. Elizabeth Stevens

Celebrant:

In our society, women are often socialized to avoid expressing anger, while men are taught that anger is the only acceptable emotion to express. This creates a dangerous imbalance. Anger belongs to all of us. It is simply our spirit's way of letting us know that something is wrong: unjust, unfair, or intolerable. Learning to skillfully work with our anger offers us a powerful source of energy and drive in our work to build a better world.

March 26, 10:00 am

Origins of Life

Service Leader: Rev. Elizabeth Stevens

Worship Associate: Pat Fuerst

All fields of scientific inquiry lead us to the edge of human knowledge, inspiring feelings of awe and wonder. In particular, reflecting on what we know (and what we can't know) about the origins of life powerfully impacts our sense of who we are and why we are here. In light of the recent discovery of other planets believed by scientists to be capable of supporting life, this sermon topic (purchased at last year's sermon auction) is especially timely.

Vernal Equinox Service

Monday March 20th 6:50 am (timed to see the sunrise)

Cordelia Lutheran Church,

1501 Danielson Rd., Genesee (9.6 miles SE of Moscow)

Meet at UUCP at 6:30am for carpool

Coffee, Tea and Pastries served after the Service

Questions? m-dibble@Hotmail.com



Minister's Pages

Minister's Musings: Spring Fever

Revolution is as unpredictable as an earthquake and as beautiful as spring. Its coming is always a surprise, but its nature should not be.

— Rebecca Solnit

The days are getting longer; the spring equinox approaches. The grey, wet, windy days will give way to the warmth and the wonder of new life, new growth, and new blooms. I am eager to begin my annual spring practice of walking on Paradise Ridge and celebrating each new wildflower as it appears.

Just as the sun coaxes flowers out of the ground, and buds turn to leaves on the trees, the creative energy within us tends to get restless this time of year. We are ready to shed layers of clothes, dreary moods, and even bad habits. In their stead, we long for playfulness, fullness of expression, music and color and light and CHANGE.

What is the new spirit growing in you? For me, there is a fierceness rising, a growing desire to protect the most vulnerable. Matching my own passion, I see an increasingly engaged citizenry, and a community coming together in new and creative ways.

Love is a source of energy and drives transformation; I see a lot of love flowing these days. Anger is a source of energy and drives transformation; I see a lot

of demands for justice and mutual accountability. And beyond these, it is an undeniable trait of the human spirit that we all continue to learn and grow and change, in response to one another and in response to life.

Spring also means mud. Many of the creative processes that feed us and flow through us are seriously messy! Can we embrace the dirt under our fingernails, the splatters of paint, the confusion of ideas that exists before new understandings settle into place? Can we be honest, and admit that though order is pleasing to the eye and soothing to the soul, chaos is an unalienable part of life? It's fun to get messy sometimes, literally and figuratively.

Life didn't spring into being neat and fully formed. Rather, over millions of years, messiness, mutation, and primordial ooze gradually took shape. That shaping continues to this day and our lives and choices have a part to play.

May we welcome spring with a measured abandon. May we be playful and exuberant, and unafraid of messiness and failure. May we tap into all of the sources of energy that drive transformation and evolution that are accessible to us.

There's nothing wrong - and much right - with having a bad case of spring fever!

Thank You for Standing with Us

We are deeply grateful for your show of support of the immigrant population in the "Stand With Immigrants" rally in Moscow two weeks ago. Your presence meant a lot to us and was very heartwarming. It showed time and again that America and its people have always been great. Thank you for standing with us.

—Shirin Shahsavand, march organizer, on behalf of the immigrant population of the Palouse

Month of Sundays—March 2017

After being on hiatus since September due to federal funding issues, **Sojourners Alliance** reopened its doors in January. Sojourners' Alliance is a private, non-profit organization working toward a vision of dignity and respect for all people. Sojourners' mission is to confront the barriers that lead to hunger, homelessness and poverty through direct intervention with those in need by providing a safe and comfortable living environment while receiving intensive case management. They are actively engaged in community efforts to address root issues while advocating for those in need.

Sojourners' Alliance operates a transitional housing facility for homeless men, women and families. Their program offers long-term housing, supplemental food assistance, on-site case management, counseling services, and referrals to other area agencies in an effort to help our clients become self-sufficient and get back on their feet. Sojourners can be reached at 208-883-3438.



Minister's Pages



Church Chat: Whoops

What was I thinking? Elizabeth, I'm so sorry! Could the weekend before work? •
- Rev. Tandi Rogers

Last month I asked you to save the date for a consulting visit with our regional staff member, the Rev. Tandi Rogers. Sadly, Tandi has a major unavoidable conflict on the weekend we had originally chosen. Hey, we all make mistakes! She'll be coming, instead on

April 8th and 9th

Hopefully, this will work for folks! To reiterate: Those of you who have met Tandi know that she brings tremendous energy, insight, and spiritual depth to everything she does. She also has a wide variety of experience with congregations of all shapes and sizes. We are lucky enough to have her as our primary regional contact, which means we can tap her for weekends like this, weekends that invite both transcendence and transformation. We need all hands on deck. (And- as always- will find alternative ways to participate for people who can't join us. Life happens. We get that.)

In other news:

- Please feel free to email or speak to myself, music director Jon Anderson, DLRE Ginger Allen or any member of the Worship Committee with your thoughts and responses to our theme-based worship series. Members of the worship committee are: Peggy Jenkins, Nancy Nelson, Tom Woodrum, Marty Godchaux, Mary DuPree, Tom Sals-

bury, Mary Jo Hamilton, and Karen Jennings.

Designated Giving Projects: We are almost all the way to our goal for the purchase of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). The next designated giving project will attempt to raise money for a video screen. In addition to giving us the capacity to show images, including illustrations from books, having a screen installed in the sanctuary will improve our communication by providing a way to highlight important announcements. It will improve our singing by getting our heads up out of our hymnals. It will cut way down on the amount of paper we need, as well as eliminating the awkward shuffling around trying to find the words to the unison chalice lighting. Personally, I think the world needs less screen time, not more - so I give you my word that we will use the new capacity judiciously and in a way that works aesthetically.

- On the horizon: The Building Use Task Force presented its report to the board this last month, outlining four possibilities- staying where we are and just doing maintenance, making minor changes so that our buildings can be fully accessible, expanding on site, and building a new building. The board is now figuring out what other information we need to gather, and how to guide the congregation through the decision making process. Exciting news! And deep gratitude to the Task Force, who have done a magnificent job fleshing out our hopes and dreams.

In the Family

Congratulations to: Coralie Borning, who celebrated her 98th birthday on Feb. 24; and Archie & Mary George, who celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to New Zealand.

We welcome back Marguerite Thoreson Browne for a brief visit; it's as if she never left!

Please hold in your thoughts: Karl Erhard-Hudson, who slipped on the ice and broke his wrist; and Cary Lindsey, who broke her ankle and will be having surgery soon.

Please notify the office, uuchurch@moscow.com or 882-4328, of any family news to be included here.

Answering the Call of Love - An Inaugural Note from Board President Marisa Gibler

As incoming Board President, the expectation to write a monthly newsletter article took me by surprise. The task is a little daunting. In fact, the decision was made to split the duty up amongst the Board as a whole. I keep discovering new responsibilities, now that I've been elected. Maybe I should have looked at the job description a few months ago. Disclosure: I've never been president of anything before. I didn't particularly want to be president of the Board, either. But life presents you with opportunities, unasked-for, sometimes. I think another word for that is a "blessing." I've been *blessed* with the opportunity to more deeply understand the mechanisms & relationships that make up this church community- to become part of the nervous system of our congregational Body - and I'm ready to see where it leads.

Before becoming a member of the Board a few years ago, I didn't fully realize or appreciate what an intricate system of committees, task forces, ministries & volunteers this place is composed of. It seemed that fundraisers came and went, events popped up on the calendar, and Sunday services happened like clockwork. I showed up, took part, paid my volunteer dues as I saw fit (or was politely coerced into).

But, really, this church is much more alive & vital & organic than the visible surface of plans coming to fruition, or even our idealistic aspirations. It's a living organism: carefully self-monitoring, patiently goal-oriented, tenderly attentive. We are all part of something greater than ourselves, here at the UUCP. Each of us- friends & members alike- bring unique gifts of points of view, sarcasm, hope, sense of humor, and talent. Yes, even you, people that have side-stepped coffee hour, or declined invitations to join committees! We all serve each other, and the organization, as intrinsically as any cell in a body enables our organs to function, and our limbs to smoothly coordinate.

And if you doubt that, or think this is excessively metaphorical, you aren't alone. I've questioned my own contributions: whether I was pulling my own weight, or if otherwise productive meetings were being side-tracked by my constantly-distracted attention span or inability to keep puns & snarky commentary quiet. At one Board meeting recently, we were asked to list three gifts or skills we brought to the group, and three weaknesses. The "weakness" side of my index card was filled quickly- with gusto! But then the reverse side, the side for positive attributes, defeated me. Fighting an acute case of writer's block and rising

panic, my eyes filled with tears. WHY AM I HERE? I wondered. ARE THEY GOING TO SUDDENLY REALIZE I'M WORTHLESS?

But, no. Alas, they elected me president instead, just a few months later. Wasn't there someone more qualified for the position?? Maybe the term for Board president should be longer than a year, so we can stick with a proven, successful appointee, and avoid situations like this: some accident of fate plopping ME into the spot at the head of the conference table.

Maybe so, but not today. My term began in January.

And, as it turns out, it hasn't been too scary so far. Writing an agenda is mostly control+C, control+V. Throw in a little control+X if I'm feeling feisty. Running a board meeting is much more fun than herding my children through a family dinner, and with more successful results, if I'd care to admit. Running an Executive Committee meeting is even MORE pleasant, if you can believe that. I didn't even *really* understand the function of the Executive Committee until last month, when I became a member of it. They (I should say "we") don't even use "motions" and "seconds" to make decisions- so easy!

So, here I am, beginning my term alongside another presidential inauguration. We (he, and I, and all of us) have survived the first month. And while the specter of that "other" presidency seems to be casting a shadow of doom & anxiety over everything right now, it's also putting things into perspective. There are *real* fears now; real threats to our identity as the Land of the Free, Home of the Brave, with Liberty and Justice for All, Amen. Many of us feel shaken, taken by surprise, and shocked that it could all happen so unexpectedly- so suddenly. But I've found that To Stand on the Side of Love, or to Answer the Call of Love (whether from within or without), requires less hemming and hawing or tentative actions in these days of oppression & injustice. When push comes to shove, and our duty is made clear- our duty to defend the downtrodden, to rise up singing, to demand respect for diversity- the self-doubt and butterflies in my gut evaporate somehow. I guess that's my second blessing - the unanticipated gift emerging from these days of upheaval & chaos: that there's no time for navel-gazing & deflection of responsibility. No time for whining or avoidance. There's just work to do, and I've been gifted an opportunity to make some kind of impact, however small-scale it

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UUCP Environmental Task Force March 2017 Report



"Have we ignored our emotional and spiritual connections to the planet? Could the noise swirling around climate change - science, politics, media blitzes, as well as the weather disasters themselves - drown out the voice of a loss so profound that it rests unnamed in our souls? Could our breaking hearts be part of the reason we are immobilized?" asks Katharine Preston, a lay preacher who focuses on social justice and the environment. But she uses these thoughts to stay motivated to take community action to make a positive difference. In her discussion with Bill Nye, he says, "You can be discouraged but you have to believe the problem is solvable...You have to be optimistic or you won't do anything."

And our environmental group in cooperation with PESC is certainly involved in doing everything we can to solve environmental problems by working both independently and with other groups. Here in the state of Idaho, we wrote a letter to the legislature in support of including climate change in the curriculum. Education starting with the youth is the key to getting something done.

After showing the complete *Years of Living Dangerously Season Two* from National Geographic at the Kenworthy followed by discussions led by Nils Peterson and Michael Jennings, and Bill Nye's family friendly "Global Meltdown", we are joining the Moscow Food Co-op to sponsor their monthly Food for Thought film on fossil fuel divestment. "Divest! The Climate Movement Tour" will be shown at the Kenworthy on March 22. All these films tie in with our UU theme of Environmental Justice.

Continuing our cooperation with Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment, Pat Rathmann attended a meeting at the WSU Native American Cultural Center on February 22. Pat was honored to be asked to de-

liver the Grace before we joined together for our meal. Afterward, she also presented a brief talk including an apology for the environmental damage our white culture has caused Mother Earth. We are also sending representatives to Lewiston on March 17 and 18 for the local Nimiipuu Summit. Earth Justice lawyers who are representing the Standing Rock Water Protectors in their efforts to defend their treaty rights against the construction of the DAPL pipeline will be featured. This meeting is open the public so please contact Pat Rathmann plr23@cornell.edu if you are interested in carpooling.

We will end the month of March with a Standing Rock Fund Raiser at the 1912 Center on Sunday, March 26, coordinated by Al Chidester and UI Grad Student Hanna Smith. We hope to precede this earlier in the month with another Standing Rock demonstration calling attention to Wells Fargo Bank's financing of the DAPL pipeline. Please check your records to make sure you have no accounts there which are helping to finance these pipeline companies.

University of Oregon faculty member Bob Doppelt considers climate change the greatest crisis of thought and imagination in human history. He feels that we need vast numbers of people to alter the way they perceive and interact with the world around them in order for a solution to be found.

Remember the first Earth Day in 1970? Millions of people of all ages and backgrounds pledged to fight for a clean world.

We need another massive movement in 2017. If you are willing to join this fight, please attend our next planning session on March 19 in the Yellow House following the church service. We have many plans for Earth Month 2017 and we need your help.

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may be, if I can just figure out how it all works.

As much as I have doubted my capacity to lead, even on this level, I admit that I feel called (by love? by duty? by a longing to somehow bend our long arc of history just a bit more toward justice?) to step into this role, against my better judgment. And a calling isn't always penciled into our planners, or anticipated at all. I'm honored that so many people have been willing to provide me with scaffolding & support as I take on a commitment that I tried, fairly petulantly, to avoid. Their encouragement, validations, constructive criticism & persistent enthusiasm have engendered a feeling of tentative hope within me- that maybe I was wrong. Maybe I *am* capable of joining forces with this incredible team of talented, caring people, leading our congregation through soul-searching discernment, placard-toting activism, and into bold dreams of spiritual growth and new (or renewed) church facilities planning. Maybe I can even meet a monthly newsletter deadline! I'm certainly willing to give it a try.

Communication and Connection



A recent NOVA program, *The Origami Revolution*, revealed new scientific adaptations to this ancient art of folding paper. We're familiar with chains of cranes among all sorts of traditional items. Nature contains small areas that unfold into large surfaces like leaves and beetle wings. The more folds in a brain, the more complex the intelligence of an animal. Now materials like metal and film are being employed to miniaturize robots, replace hinges, and reduce weight and increase flexibility, among other enhancements. We're familiar with stents in arteries and solar arrays. Within the universe itself, dark matter would appear to shape space folds, determining where galaxies form. And crinkling a flat sheet of material like paper creates forms as realistic as the actual model, like intricate flowers.

Does this transformation of form and space, of art and use, translate to our thoughts in other mediums? How about ideas, words, and social action? Think of collecting facts, experiences, dreams, intention, attention, strategies, cultural contexts, policies, commitment, covenants, conscience, options, habits and expectations, flashes of insight ... and the list goes on and on, collecting dots and creasing into connections. A flat sheet of paper then assimilates a universe of knowledge, motivation, and action to morph into a stable belief system and social evolution. Our world is literally and metaphysically an origami construct.

The use of origami is not limited to art; it has actual technical applications that save lives and extend to the stars; it has common and practical uses. When we come together at church Dessert Discussions and

Discernment Dinners, we bring to the table a great many dots to add to a large sheet of figurative paper. We bring our scattered worries and aspirations. We bring our formulating resolve and quest for positive change. We bring our anger and our hope. We bring carefully measured words and thoughts and we bring our baggage and biases. We bring everything we've got. And then slowly, we begin to fold along the creases that have gravitated the dots toward each other. As we become more adept at following intricate folds, we may even crinkle the sheet to create a more realistic model.

Of course, our origami is not at all limited to paper or Dessert or Dinner venues. Like nature, it surfaces all around us in the fabric of personal and global contexts. We have the power to formulate design and transform space and shape. We have flexibility in our sensitivity to others and life. We have the resourcefulness of our deepest values. We have the means to be persuasive and equitable. With the most basic of tools, what unfolds comes from our own hands and hearts.

What comes next lies on and off the page—collecting, creasing, shaping. We will be as versatile as origami that can in fact withstand great weight and distance while accommodating limited space and add utility to the space it creates. We are the power of a simple fold. We are like chain of cranes in a flight of compassion and action, negotiating a flurry of wings, buffeted by adversity and guided by peace. The sky is open and wide.

—Victoria Seever



Purple Paisley Quilters (PPQ) News

The PPQ had an eventful February, both good things-wise and not-so-good-things wise. We will report the not-so-good things first, since they are actually good and not-so-good. Mike O'Neill announced his upcoming retirement from WSU and his plans to move back to Pasco to be nearer to his family. So it's good for Mike and not-so-good for the PPQ. We will miss his smiling face and quilting hands on Monday nights, but wish him well in retirement and hope he will visit occasionally, especially during asparagus season.

The first good thing is a visit from Pam Nath, Judy LaLonde's daughter from New Orleans. We al-

ways like to see Pam and hear her stories from such an exotic place. The second good thing was the laundering of all those braids that we liberated from their rugs over the winter. Many thanks to Pam Arborgreen and the Bedirians for putting them through the Laundromat. They look great, clean and bright. Next step is to figure out the plan for the rugs and get started reweaving them. We'll need Rev. Elizabeth's help in the planning.

We are still working on the hand quilting of the quilt for Susan Ross. We have most of the center done, but still have the borders to do. This turned out to be a difficult quilt to do, but should be quite spectacular when it is done.

March 2017

YHM — Yellow House, Main Floor
 YHB — Yellow House, Basement
 YH2 — Yellow House, Second Floor
 CS — Church Sanctuary
 CB — Church Basement

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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March Events

Wednesday March 1

Aesthetics, 5:30 pm, YHM

PFLAG, 6:00 pm, CB

Thursday March 2

Retirees' Luncheon, 11:30 am, The Breakfast Club

Sunday March 5

Babies & Bagels, 9:00 YH

"Caring Economy" class Info/Intro, 12:00 pm, YHM

Mah Jongg Party, 6:30, Hamiltons' home

Monday March 6

Grief Support Group, 6:00 pm, CS

Board + Facilities Task Force, 7:30 pm, CS

Tuesday March 7

Wholly Crones, 1:30 pm, Clark House/Place

Paradise Ridge Def. Coalition Mtg, 4:30 pm, CB

"From Refugee to Idahoan", 6:00 pm, 1912 Center

Wednesday March 8

Executive Committee Mtg, 9:00 am, CB

Paradise Ridge Def. Coalition Mtg, 5:00 pm, CB

Saturday March 11

UpStanders presentation: Common Misconceptions of Islam, 11:30 am, CS

Sunday March 12

Green Sanctuary Comm Mtg, 11:45 am, YHM

Bridge Group, 7:00 pm, CB

Monday March 13

UpStanders Mtg, 6:15 pm, YHM

Thursday March 16

Latah Co. Human Rts TF Mtg, 4:00 pm, YHM

What Is Gender?, 7:00 pm, 1912 Center

Saturday March 18

Chants to Dive Deep, 4:00 pm, CS

Sunday March 19

Worship Committee Mtg, 11:30 am, CB

Environmental Task Force Mtg, 12:00 pm, YH

Monday March 20

Vernal Equinox Service; meet at UUCP at 6:30 am, service is at Cordelia Church at 6:50 am

Board Mtg, 7:00 pm, YHM

Tuesday March 21

Wholly Crones, 1:30 pm, Clark House/Place

Wednesday March 22

Divest!, 7:00 pm, Kenworthy

Intro to a Caring Economy, 7:00 pm, YHM

Dreams & the Inner Self, 7:00 pm, CB

Thursday March 23

AtVP Bystander Intervention Training, 6:00 pm, 1912 Ctr

Saturday March 25

It's Elementary, 5:30 pm, CB

Sunday March 26

Small Group Ministry Facil. Mtg, 11:30 am, CS

Standing Rock Benefit Concert, 5:00 pm, 1912 Ctr.

Wednesday March 29

Intro to a Caring Economy, 7:00 pm, YHM

Friday March 31

Service Auction!!

Dates to Remember— Mark Your Calendars!

Mondays:

Purple Paisley Quilters, 7:30 pm, CB

Tuesdays:

Bridge Group II, 7:00 pm, CB

Buddhist Fellowship, 7:00 pm, CS (*does not meet on 5th Tuesdays*)

Thursdays:

Modern Celts Irish Dance, 5:30, CB

Choir, 7:00 pm, CS

Fridays:

Folk Dancing, 7:30 pm, CB (*will not meet March 31*)

Sundays:

Service, 10:00 am, CS

Youth Groups, 12:00 pm, YH

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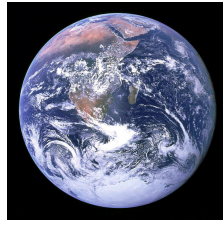
Living the 7th UU Principle The World You Want Is Up to You:

The Palouse Environmental Sustainability Coalition Receives the Co-op's Dime In Time

On November 20, 2011, over 50 community members and representatives from local environmental groups met at the 1912 Center to plan future events together where we shared similar goals. These like-minded individuals discussed ways we could collaborate to insure a greener Palouse in an age of climate change. The Palouse Environmental Sustainability Coalition, also known as PESC, grew out of that meeting. Membership is voluntary and all who share our goals of a better world for future generations are welcome.

Our mission is to mitigate climate change and other environmental threats through education and community engagement. We carry out this mission through expert presentations, community education, public forums, documentary films and responsible action. Since that first meeting in 2011, we have held over 150 events including workshops led by scholars from both the northwest and Canada and have hosted the local premiers of many award-winning documentaries. In 2014, we were recognized by Friends of the Clearwater as the Environmental Group of the Year and received Moscow Mayor Lambert's Green Protector certification in 2015.

To celebrate our first Earth Day, we joined with the Palouse Sierra Club to show "Carbon Nation" and the next year, we co-sponsored an Environmental De-



mocracy Workshop with Wild Idaho Rising Tide. We showed "Fierce Green Fire" in Earth Month 2014 with ICL and the UI Environmental Law Society. The following year, we joined with the Moscow Food Coop for their April showing of "Origins". "Building a Resilient Palouse in the Age of Climate Change" was the highlight of that Earth Month.

This year, we are very excited to use our Dime in Time grant to support the UI Sustainability Center's April workshop providing students with information to enable them to "Green Their Future". According to an old Greek proverb, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." The event will be open to the community and it will provide useful information to both college and high school students, as well as folks interested in starting a second career. The proceeds will support needed supplies, awards, refreshments and transportation for presenters. We take our motto from Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

As PESC is the Co-op's Dime In Time recipient for the month of March, please bring your own bags when shopping and donate your dime. You will not only be helping our group but also be helping the environment as well.

Social Justice Update

Things are becoming very busy in the social justice arena.

On February 4 we held an immigration support rally that was very well attended. I saw a large number of UUs attending.

Several events are coming up in the near future. "From Refugee to Idahoan: When People at Risk Come to Idaho" is on March 7 at 6:00 pm at the 1912 Center.

A panel on "Common Misconceptions of Islam" will be held March 11 at 11:30 am in the sanctuary of the church.

"What is Gender?" discussion and panel is on March 16 at 7:00 pm at the 1912 Center. A "Sexual Violence Awareness" panel will be held on April 20 in Pullman.

Other events are in the planning stage. More and more people are becoming active and working to support the most vulnerable in our community. That is what makes our church and our community great. Think about how you can help or get involved on any level to support Social Justice in our community.

For more information on Human Rights and Social Justice issues, or how to become involved please contact Ken Faunce.



Religious Exploration News

Children's classes age 4—5th grade attend the first part of our service and go to the Yellow House after the Time for All Ages. Classes run until 11:30. Middle and High School Youth meet 12:00-2:00 in the Yellow House.

This Month in RE

March 5

Spirit Play (ages 4-1st grade): *"Blue Promise"* Discover what our fifth UU Principle means for our youngest children as they explore a story that helps us think about believing and acting on our ideals.

UU Super Heroes (2nd-3rd grade): *PT Barnum Session 1.* PT Barnum was a successful and famous Universalist entrepreneur. Come hear how his story can help us see the power of getting the word out about how wonderful we and our RE program is.

Harry Potter UU (4th-5th grade): *Animal Horcrux 1: Arithimancy.* Today we'll learn about Arithimancy, the study of divination through numbers and begin our fight against animal cruelty.

Middle School (6th-8th grade) YH 12 pm: *"Missionary Impossible"* Lovejoy sends Homer on a plane to become a missionary on a small island in the South Pacific.

High School (9-12th grade; YH 12 pm): Our youth will be presenting our Sunday Service today. We will have special treats for them afterward but no formal group.

March 12

Spirit Play (ages 4-1st grade): *"Work Day, Feast"* Today the children will "feast" together with a snack of fruit and bread. Eating together strengthens community and brings our children together in a new way.

Children's Chapel (2nd-5th Grade): Join the RE team for a special time dedicated to the children's spiritual growth and faith formation.

Middle School (6th-8th grade) YH 12 pm: *"She of Little Faith"* Hear what happens when Lisa becomes a Buddhist and her family fears for her soul.

High School (9-12th grade; YH 12 pm): No Group – Spring Break

March 19

Spirit Play (ages 4-1st grade): *"Indigo Promise"* Our sixth promise in being together is to Insist on a Peaceful, Fair and Free World. Our children will hear a story that helps us understand just how to do this in our own lives.

UU Super Heroes (2nd-3rd grade): *PT Barnum Session 2.* Hear about how this famous Universalist dealt with setbacks and think about our own resilience.

Harry Potter UU (4th-5th grade): *Animal Horcrux 2: Charms.* We will learn some protecting spells and our animal shelter fundraiser will take shape.

Middle School (6th-8th grade) YH 12 pm: *Mentor Meeting 2:* Please join us for our second Mentor-Youth meeting of the spring. We will hear a bit about UUism, learn about our own and our mentor's UU journey and create traveling altars.

High School (9-12th grade; YH 12 pm): No Group – Spring Break

March 26

Spirit Play (ages 4-1st grade): *"Violet Promise"* We come together today to discover our seventh and final promise, to value our home, Earth, that we share with all living beings.

UU Super Heroes (2nd-3rd grade): *Olympia Brown.* Learn about the first woman who was ordained by the Universalist denomination and have a guest appearance from our own Rev. Elizabeth.

Harry Potter UU (4th-5th grade): *Animal Horcrux 3: Defense Against the Dark Arts.* Today we'll make Patronus Art and continue discussing the Animal Cruelty Horcrux.

Middle School (6th-8th grade) YH 12 pm: *"Today I am a Clown"* Krusty the Clown learns he has not been confirmed in the Jewish faith through a bar mitzvah and he seeks to rectify this.

High School (9-12th grade; YH 12 pm): Come meet with our high school youth for sessions that support their faith development and social connections with the church and each other.

RE Offerings & Events

Babies and Bagels March 5th 9 am Yellow House. Parents with babies and toddlers are invited to the Yellow House before service to enjoy each other's company and a bagel breakfast. We will be meeting at 9:00 am in the Yellow House. Come for the bagels, stay for the community!



We have many offerings for our children and youth each Sunday.

Nursery: aimed at children aged infant through four years old, they meet in the eastern most room in the Yellow House Basement, a cozy and inviting space to play and become secure in our church environment. *The nursery is available from 9:45 to 11:30 each Sunday morning.*

Prek (aged 4)- First Grade: Children attend the first part of the service and then move to their classes next door after the story for all ages, classes run until 11:30. This class uses a Montessori inspired model of religious exploration and the classroom is set up to encourage each child's reflection of spirit and faith. *This class meets in the larger western room in the Yellow House Basement.*

Second-Third: Children in this age group also attend the first part of the service and move next door after the story for all ages; classes run until 11:30. This class is using the curriculum "UU Super Heroes" where they explore how real people used their power to make the world a better place. *This class meets on the main floor of the Yellow House.*

Fourth-Fifth: Children in this age group also attend the first part of the service and move next door after the story for all ages; classes run until 11:30. This class is exploring our own ability to do good in the world through the lens of Harry Potter. *This class meets in the upstairs of the Yellow House.*

Middle School Youth (grades 6-8): *Meet after the service, 12:00-1:30, upstairs in the Yellow House.* This class is using the television show The Simpsons to explore morality, values, faith and religion.

High School Youth: *open to 9th -12th Graders; meets after the service, 12:00-2:00, upstairs in the Yellow House.* This class encourages youth leadership and chooses it's own focus. World religions, living our values and providing support for one another are often explored.

UUCP Upcoming Family Promise Weeks at The Yellow House:

Sunday, April 2 - Sunday, April 9

Sunday, June 25 - Sunday, July 2

Sunday, July 2 - Sunday, July 9 (Troy & Palouse River LDS Wards handle hosting duties while families stay in the Yellow House)

Sunday, September 17 - Sunday, September 24

Sunday, December 17 - Sunday, December 24

On the first Sunday of a stay, we set up at 1:00. This allows our RE classes and childcare to take place as usual in the Yellow House. On the second Sunday of a stay, we pack up by 9:00 to allow classrooms to be set up again. The exception to this is our back-to-back hosting with the LDS wards in the summer. Because there are no RE classes, we don't have to pack up on July 2. We will, however, have to arrange a different location for church childcare on July 2.

UUCP Mah Jongg Party

The UU Mah Jongg Party will be held at the home of Joel and Mary Jo Hamilton.

Come at 6:30 on Sunday, March 5 to 1102 Orchard Avenue, Moscow. Bring a snack to share and a Mah Jongg set if you have one.

Please let them know (208-882-8443; maryjomoscow@gmail.com) If you plan to come. This is an open group, and we love to have newcomers. No experience necessary!



Welcome New Members!

We welcome **Lacy Sutter & Mark Stolle** and their three daughters Harmony 7, Oriah 5, and Arianna 21 months.

WSU brought them to this area in 2005 with Lacy coming from Wenatchee and Mark from Spokane. Lacy is a stay at home Mom and Mark works at SEL.

They are a very active couple with Lacy getting right into the UUCP choir and she describes her experience there as “awesome”. We have enjoyed her singing solos and look forward to hearing more of her wonderful voice and talent. Lacy describes her other loves as dancing, ice skating, and acting as well.

Mark likes Football, basketball, and Lacy says he is a “sports-nut”. He is involved in and loves acting in local theater groups and is currently acting in the Regional Theater of the Palouse upcoming production. Lacy takes great pride in being an activist and likes anything to do with the environment, being with the kids and doing family activities.

We are glad you have joined with us and look forward to working with you in the future.



Kathreen Miller has been lurking for over 30 years. She was introduced to this congregation her sophomore year of college in the early eighties and attended sporadically. She also gravitated towards the fellowships in Spokane and San Francisco, when she lived there.

She now feels at home, having placed her name in the book. She works as an academic advisor at WSU.



Before she retired, **Pat Eaton** was an Analyst for the City of Seattle. She now splits her time between Seattle and Moscow.

She enjoys knitting, gardening and reading, and is learning to quilt and to play bridge.

Wholly Crones

Wholly Crones is a group of friendly “life-experienced women” who meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month (September - May) at **1:30 pm. Meetings are held at Clark House, 1401 N Polk, in Moscow.**

We invite women of the UUCP to join us. We will explore and discuss a variety of topics such as aging, decision making, women’s issues, current events, medical care in America, and spirituality in the second half of life. Feel free to bring a bag lunch or snack. Coffee and Tea are provided. For Questions or further information phone or email Janet Wathey (jrw1@tds.net, 208-717-8323), or Sue Allard (jifsue@moscow.com, 208-882-7320).



The Green Sanctuary

February was a quiet month for the Green Sanctuary committee. We continued researching environmental justice projects and planning green events. First up is the Vernal Equinox Service. The spring equinox this year is on March 20th. The service will be held at the Cordelia Lutheran Church in Genesee at 6:50 am, timed to see the sunrise. Meet at church at 6:30am to carpool out to Genesee. There will be coffee, tea and pastries after the service. If you have questions, please contact Margaret Dibble (m-dibble@Hotmail.com).



As the weather warms up and the sun comes out so will weeds in the flower beds around the church. In April we'll be holding a weeding party with treats after! We have over 80 species of native plants in the church beds. The weeding parties are a good way to learn some of the natives of our area AND help maintain the church grounds. Also in April, there will be an informational session on home solar after the service on April 9. This session is being organized by Ginger Allen.

We'd like to thank Ellie Shinham for organizing the beautiful Imbolc service on Feb. 4.



Modern Celts Dance Club, Thursdays 5:30-7:30, CB

Modern Celts is a club dedicated to experiencing and sharing the joy of Celtic dance, primarily Irish. We explore mostly Irish styles of dance including: Sean Nos dance, step dance, group dancing-ceili and set-dance; however we delve into other Celtic styles (such as Scottish) as well.

The club is non-competitive, performing is optional. Contact Jessie Hunter for more information.

UUCP Buddhist Fellowship

The Open Mindfulness (OM) Group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm. This is good opportunity to drop in and try brief meditations in a group setting. Along with some guided and silent meditation practices, each week we will explore a topic and discuss how mindfulness and meditation might be applied in our everyday lives. Although Buddhism provides the framework, no background or experience is necessary.

Buddhist Fellowship and Book Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of Each month, also from 7:00-8:30 pm. This Fall we will use "Parami: Ways to Cross Life's Floods" by Ajahn Succito as a guide to deepen our mindfulness practice. The book discusses how to develop the paramis, the 10 Buddhist spiritual perfections (generosity, morality, renunciation, wisdom, energy, patience, truthfulness, resolve, kindness, and equanimity) in order to overcome the "floods of life" i.e. the overwhelmed, swept-along feeling that comes as we get plunged into stress and suffering. As a group we will discuss the book and explore the recommended meditations and reflections.

The book is offered freely through the generosity of the Forest Sangha:

[https://forestsangha.org/teachings/books/parami-ways-to-cross-life-s-floods?](https://forestsangha.org/teachings/books/parami-ways-to-cross-life-s-floods?language=English)

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Andre Bergeron is leading the Buddhist Fellowship this fall; he may be contacted at andredbergeron@gmail.com.



UUCP Retirees' Lunch—March 2

We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30 am in the back room of The Breakfast Club, 501 S. Main, in downtown Moscow. Everyone is welcome, retired or not. Join us for good food and conversation.





UUCP SERVICE AUCTION 2017

MARCH 31, 2017

Come, come, whoever you are.
Or whoever you would like to be
Wanderers from afar,
Travelers from all times,
Visitors from other worlds.
Come in your fanciest or in your dailies
but come, come, whoever you are!

The social part of the service auction happens whenever UUCP folks get together—discussion, laughter, sharing, eating (along with some entertainment, wine and coffee)!

The fundraising part entails "sellers and buyers/bidders. A silent auction, a live auction, scrumptious desserts by the piece, services—all offered by generous members and paid for by just as generous successful bidders.

What goes into the auction and what could you offer? Your imagination is the limit! Anything from bridge lessons to four course dinners; from babysitting to hikes; from earrings to grandfather clocks (just to mention a few items from past years). You can also make a request for a service—e.g., you would like someone to teach you how to use Facebook or trim some bushes. ASK!)

THE UUCP WEBSITE HAS A LINK TO THE SERVICE AUCTION, including a form you can complete on-line, information about the service auction, and a schedule. As folks offer services, these will also show up on line! (<http://www.palouseuu.com/>)

Lots of choices: Fill out the form below and drop it off at church, or fill out the form online or email judybll@hotmail.com—PLEASE don't wait until the last minute!!!

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR SERVICE AUCTION ITEM:

(INCLUDE suggested minimum bid; number of items (e.g.) 2 pair earrings, minimum bid \$10 each) For an event, date, place, price per person (adults only? children?); how many people can bid? (e.g., Tacos for 12 people at my house, May 5, 2014, \$7 adults; \$3 children.)

New to UU Workshop

Are you a newcomer at UUCP? Would you like to know more about us? Please consider joining Rev. Elizabeth Stevens for a **NEW to UU Workshop and light lunch**. There will be time to get acquainted and ask questions as you are introduced to Unitarian Universalism, including a little history and understanding of our shared values and principles. You will come away with a better understanding of what our congregants love about this church and what keeps us coming back for more at the UUCP.

We are offering one more workshop this spring, so please let us know if you'd like to attend.

When? Sunday, April 30, 12:00-2:00 pm

Where? The church Fellowship Hall (basement)

RSVP please to: Summer, our administrative secretary at the church office, 208-882-4328 or uuchurch@moscow.com, or Pat Rathmann at 208-882-8262.

*Child care is available upon **advance** request.*

Introduction to a Caring Economy and the Power of Partnership

One in three women in America are living in poverty or teetering on its brink. That's 42 million women plus the 28 million who depend on them. Only one in five families has a homemaker parent and a working parent. Two out of three families depend on the wages of working moms who are struggling to balance care-giving and breadwinning. Women in the United States are nearly two-thirds of minimum-wage workers, and a vast majority of these workers receive no paid sick days. Not one.

These statistics reveal that we have been operating as if care and care-giving work have no economic value — as if the work of taking care of children, elders, and other members of our communities is completely separate from the “economically productive” work that happens in workplaces. We cannot achieve real prosperity until we make this critical missing connection.

In this 6 week course we will explore these concepts and outline solutions, as part of a national and international movement, to change these statistics, to improve the lives of women, and remove the blind spot we have historically suffered from, preventing us from seeing the critical connections between care and care-giving and our collective economic success.

Suggested donation fee: This is a workshop presented as an inaugural course by Donna Mills since her graduation from the Center for Partnership Studies, and not a UUCP adult RE program. As such, she is requesting an "as you can" donation for her time and minimal supplies. She is proposing a sliding fee scale for the 6 week workshop: \$90 (\$15/90-minute class)-\$180 (\$30/90-minute class). Please do not let the cost of the course be a burden, limited scholarships are available. If you would like to increase your full cost fees to \$200, the extra \$20 will go into the scholarship fund. Childcare will be available by advanced request.

When: We will meet each Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:30 pm in the main floor of the Yellow House beginning March 22 and ending April 26.

Facilitator Bio: Donna Mills is a Certified Caring Economy Advocate and Partnership Practitioner. She stumbled upon the Center for Partnership Studies while researching another topic and discovered a program that would combine her varied interests into one advocacy practice. She is currently facilitating workshops, presenting at conferences, and offering independent consultation for businesses and organizations.

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